



John Anthony Bakker

March 11, 1950 - October 24, 2015

John A. Bakker, 65, a longtime Entiat Valley resident, passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Central Washington Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born on March 11, 1950 at Seattle, Washington, son of the late John Arthur and Dorothy Jane (Lorenz) Bakker. He was raised and received his education in the Seattle. Following high school, he entered the U.S. Army and served in Viet Nam. He received his discharge in the late 1960's and returned to Seattle. He went to work in the automotive industry and specialized in muffler installation, brakes, tires, wheels and front wheel alignments in the West Seattle area. He moved to the Indianapolis area of Illinois where he worked for a short time at a castings factory. He returned to the West Seattle area where he worked in a aluminum casting plant down near the waterfront of Seattle known as Morel Industries. He remained in West Seattle until moving to the Entiat River Valley in the mid 1990's as a transfer employee with Morel Industries. He worked at Morel Industries through its ownership changes that involved becoming a subsidiary of P.A. & E and later U.S. Castings company in Entiat. He worked at the foundry until ill health forced him to accept early retirement.

John was a member of the Wenatchee Valley Cruisers Car Club and thoroughly enjoyed old cars. He lived for old cars, car shows, and driving the old cars.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents. He is survived

by a host of friends, especially his closest helpers, Joe Stegeman, Paul Johnson and Mary Hursh all of Entiat.

All of his friends are invited to visit his tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . and leave a memory of John. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.